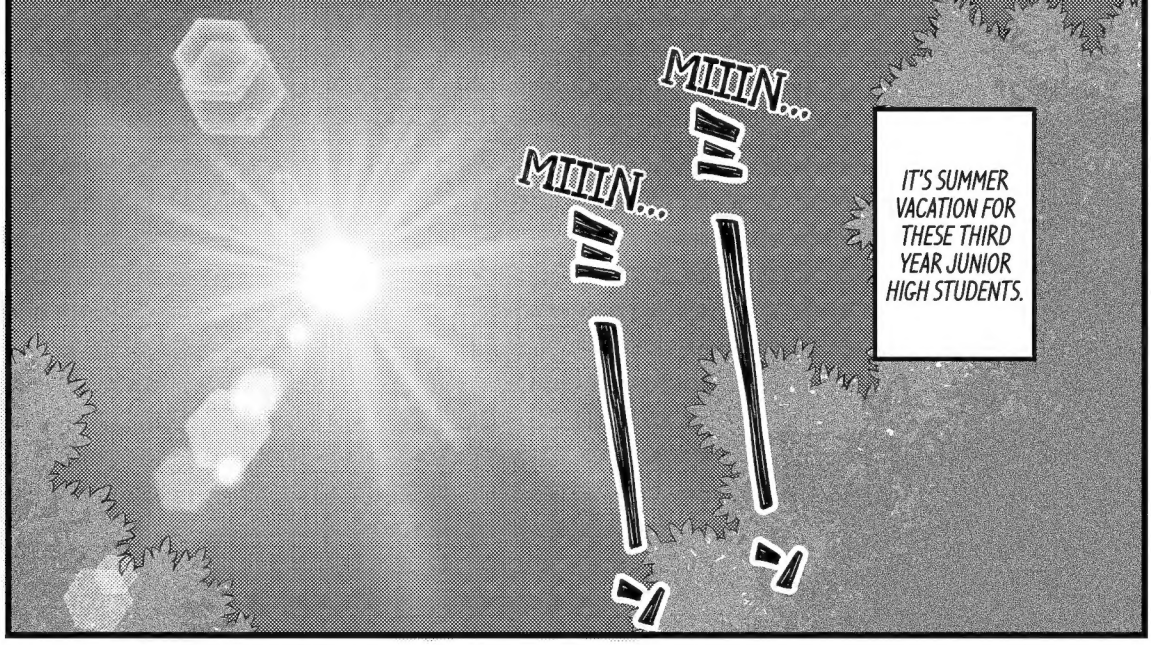

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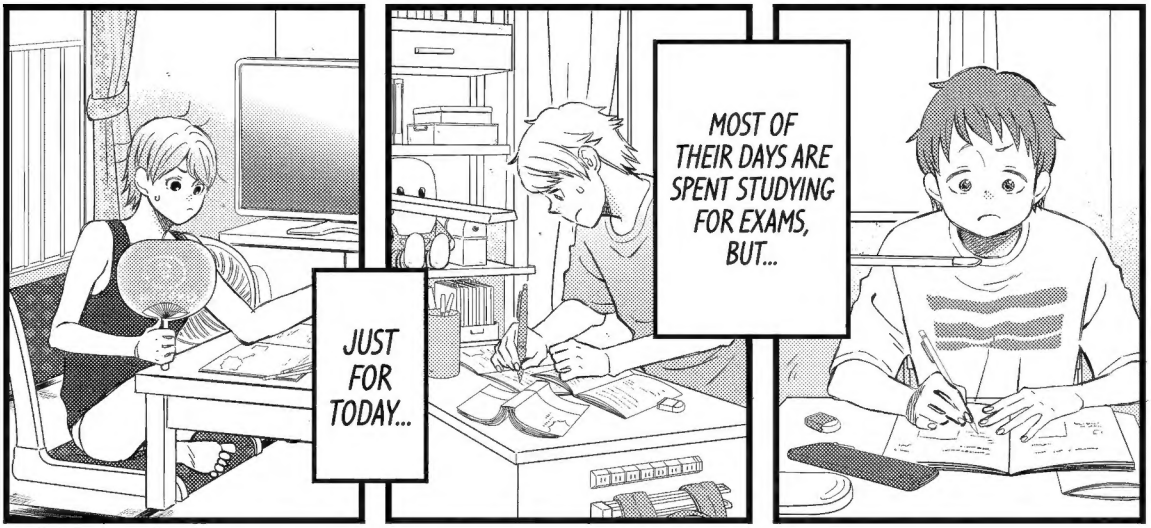
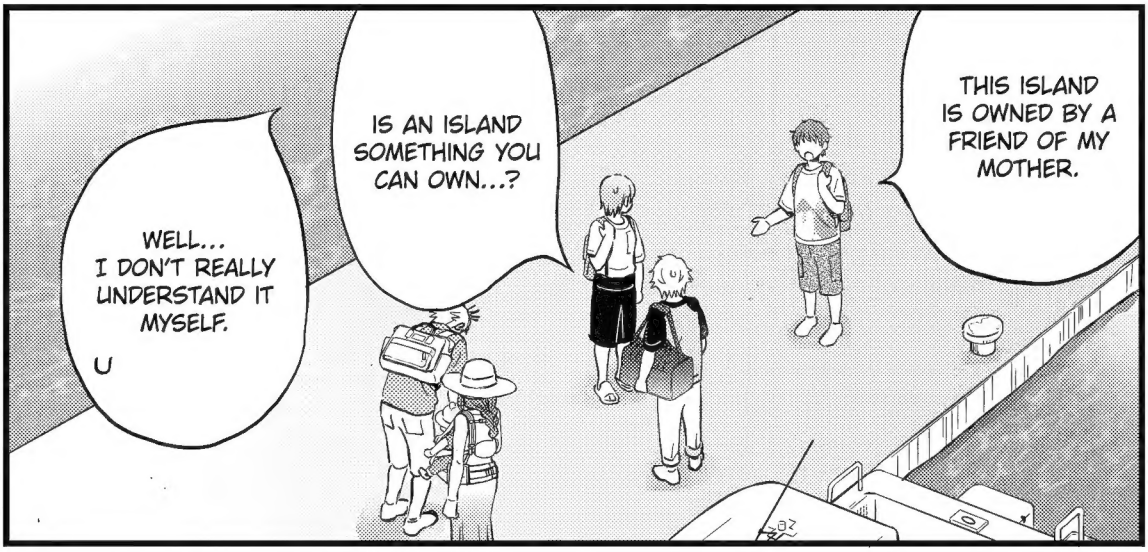


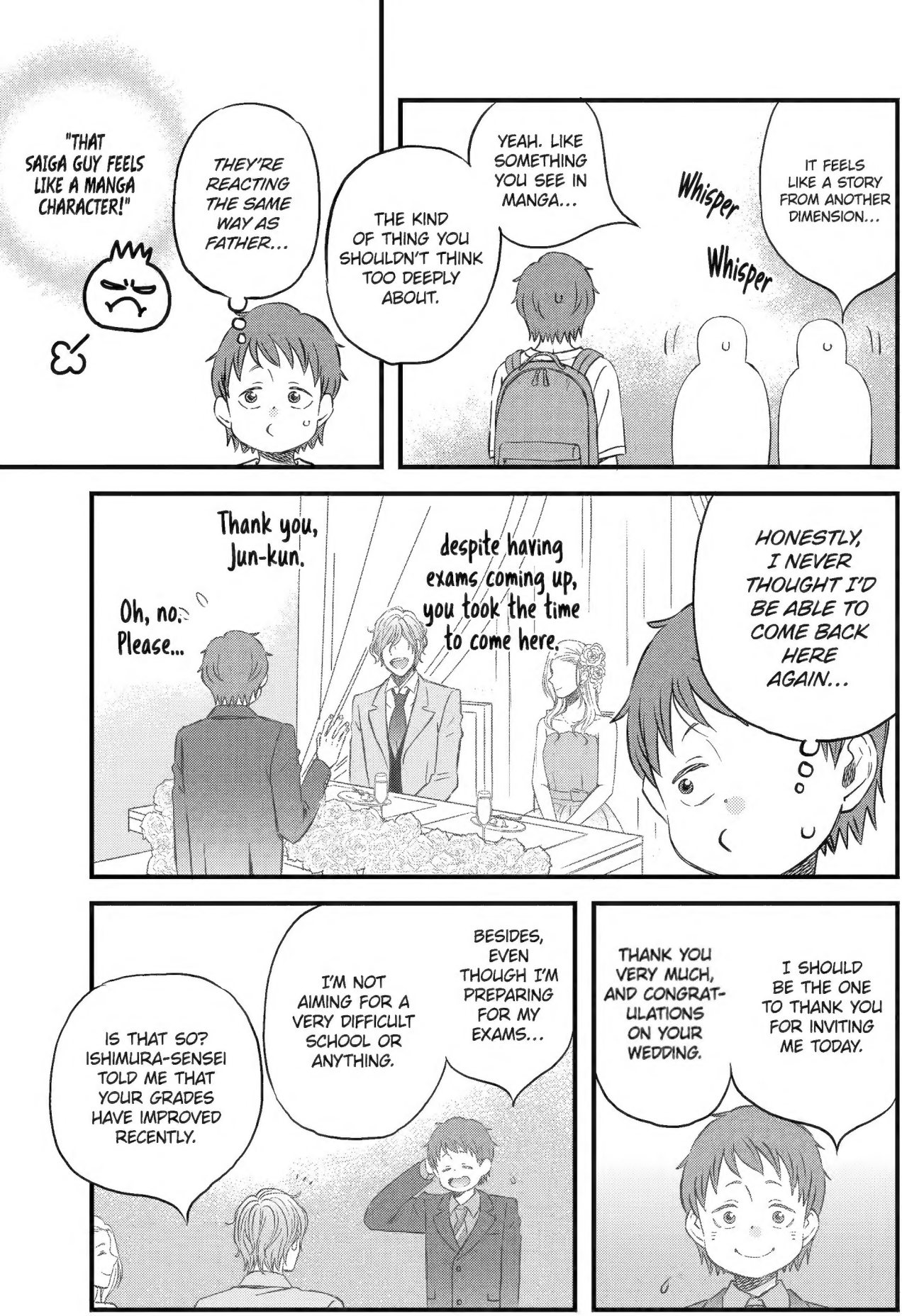
I MEAN, HOW AM I GOING TO EXPLAIN THIS TO MY PARENTS...?
IS IT REALLY OKAY FOR US TO STAY THE NIGHT?
WHAT'S YOUR RELATION TO THESE PEOPLE? HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO COME HERE?

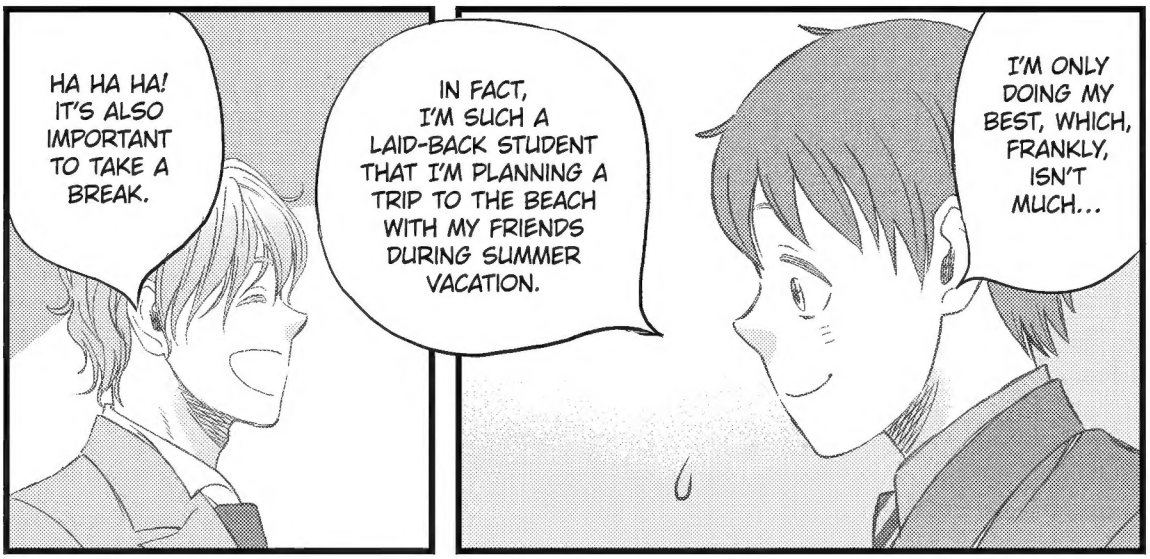
THE ISLAND'S CARE-TAKERS ...!!!
IT'S NOT EXACTLY "DESERTED." WE DO MANAGE AND LIVE HERE, AFTER ALL.


WELL... I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND IT MYSELF.
IS AN ISLAND SOMETHING YOU CAN OWN...?
THIS ISLAND IS OWNED BY A FRIEND OF MY MOTHER.

OHH?

SOMETIMES, WE ALSO ACCOMMODATE THE FAMILY'S GOOD FRIENDS.
SIMPLY PUT, THIS IS A VACATION ISLAND FOR MEMBERS OF THE SAIGA FAMILY. HOWEVER...


"THAT SAIGA GUY FEELS LIKE A MANGA CHARACTER!"
THEY'RE REACTING THE SAME WAY AS FATHER...
THE KIND OF THING YOU SHOULDN'T THINK TOO DEEPLY ABOUT.
YEAH. LIKE SOMETHING YOU SEE IN MANGA...
Whisper
Whisper
IT FEELS LIKE A STORY FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION...
Thank you, Jun-kun.
Oh, no. Please...
despite having exams coming up, you took the time to come here.
HONESTLY, I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE ABLE TO COME BACK HERE AGAIN...
IS THAT SO? ISHIMURA-SENSEI TOLD ME THAT YOUR GRADES HAVE IMPROVED RECENTLY.
I'M NOT AIMING FOR A VERY DIFFICULT SCHOOL OR ANYTHING.
BESIDES, EVEN THOUGH I'M PREPARING FOR MY EXAMS...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR WEDDING.
I SHOULD BE THE ONE TO THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TODAY.


HA HA HA! IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO TAKE A BREAK.
IN FACT, I'M SUCH A LAID-BACK STUDENT THAT I'M PLANNING A TRIP TO THE BEACH WITH MY FRIENDS DURING SUMMER VACATION.
I'M ONLY DOING MY BEST, WHICH, FRANKLY, ISN'T MUCH...

WHA...
IF YOU DON'T MIND REPEATING THE SAME TRIP, HOW ABOUT MY ISLAND?
WHAAAT?!

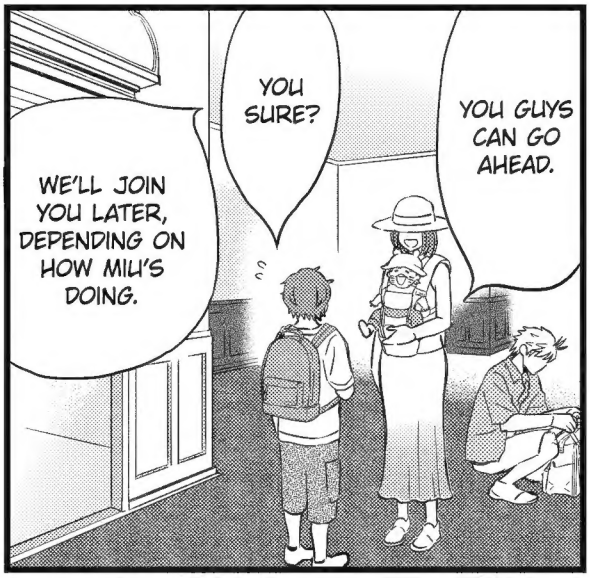
NO. NOT YET, I'M AFRAID...
Hm...?
HAVE YOU DECIDED WHERE TO GO YET?

I JUST GOT MARRIED, SO I WON'T BE ABLE TO COME THIS TIME.
YOUR FAMILY COULD JOIN YOU, TOO.
BUT MR. AND MRS. HONDA WILL GLADLY WELCOME YOU IN MY ABSENCE.
AND SO...

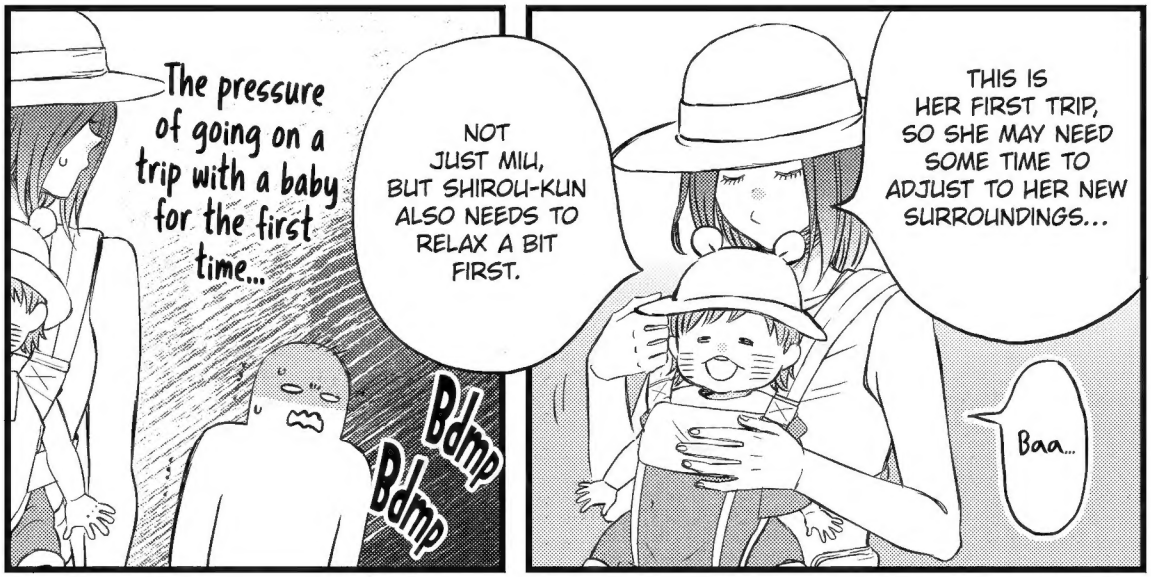
WHOAAAA! A WESTERN-STYLE MANSIOOOON!
THE EXAM-TAKERS' CASUALLY PLANNED BREAK TURNED INTO A LUXURIOUS DAY OF REST...
NOT ONLY FOR THE THREE OF THEM, BUT ALSO FOR JUN'S FAMILY.

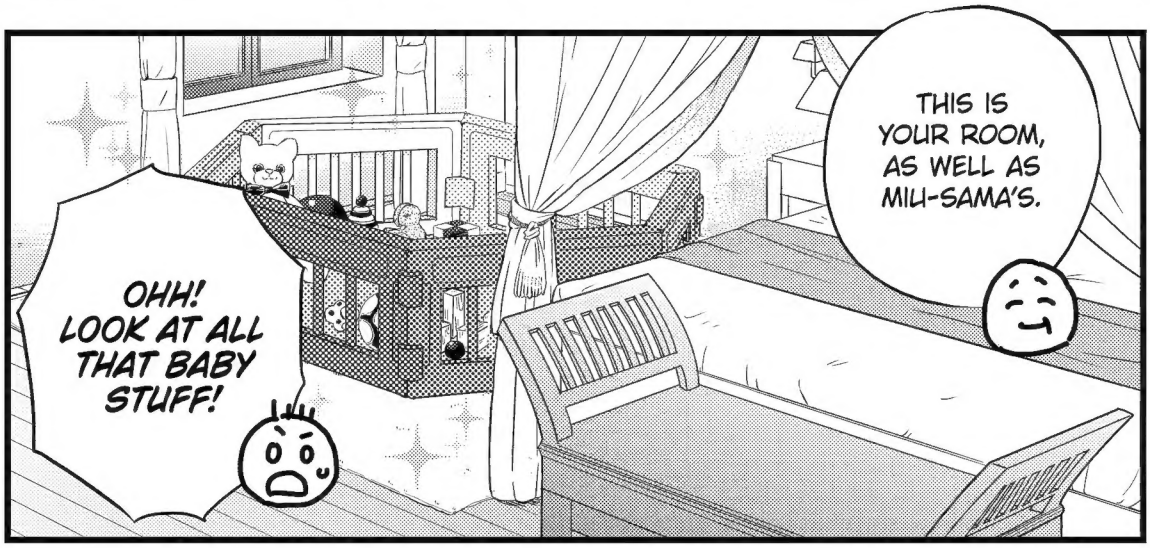
UM! ARE THERE ANY HIDDEN PASSAGES THAT CAN BE OPENED BY COLLECTING EMBLEMS OR SOMETHING?!
Ha ha ha!
THERE AREN'T ANY.
GAMERS REALLY LOVE THIS HOUSE...

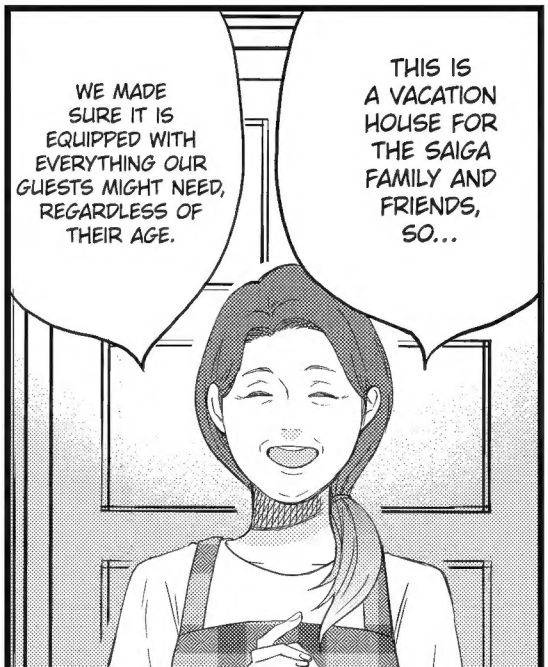
HOO-WHOAA! AN ATRIUM AND A STAIRWAAAAY!
I BET THERE ARE ZOMBIES TOO!

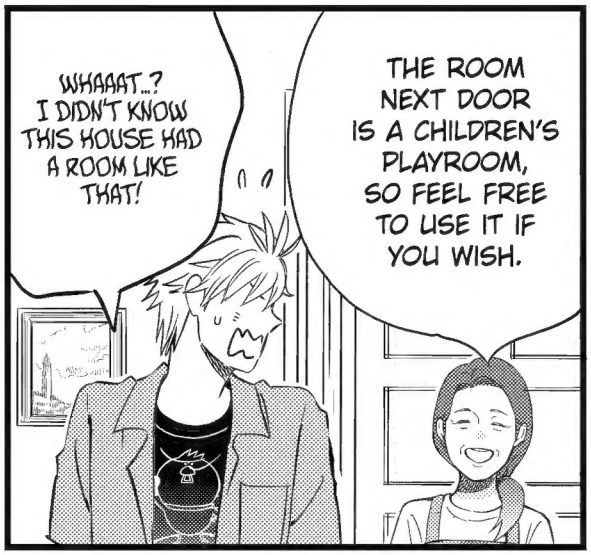

YOU GUYS CAN GO AHEAD.
YOU SURE?
WE'LL JOIN YOU LATER, DEPENDING ON HOW MIU'S DOING.

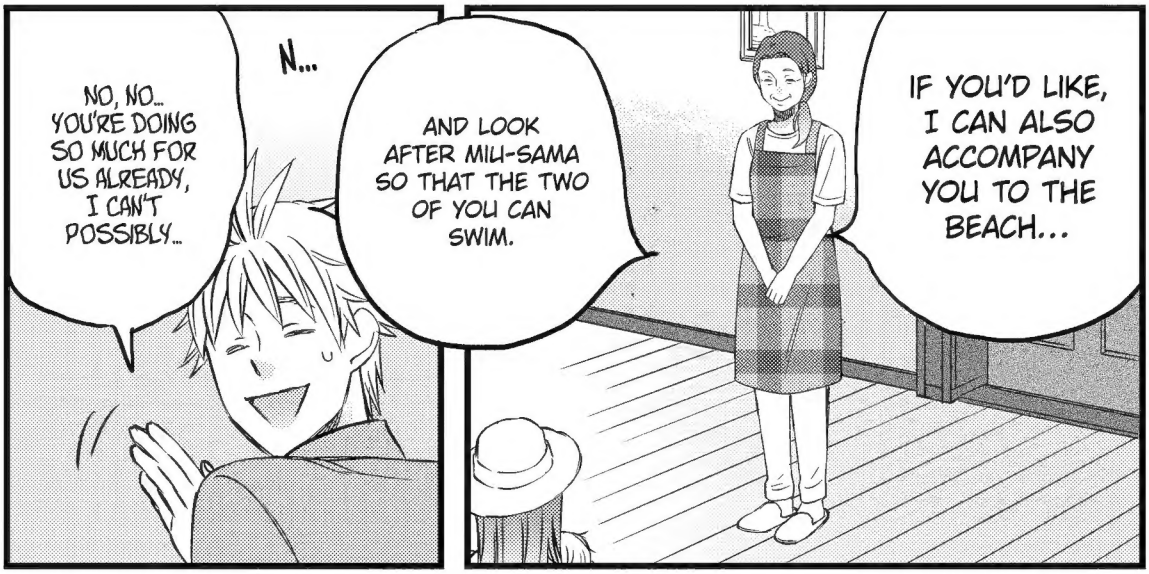
WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO STRAIGHT TO THE BEACH AFTER WE SHOW YOU TO YOUR ROOMS?
OH! I'M NOT SURE IF WE CAN. ONE SECOND, PLEASE...

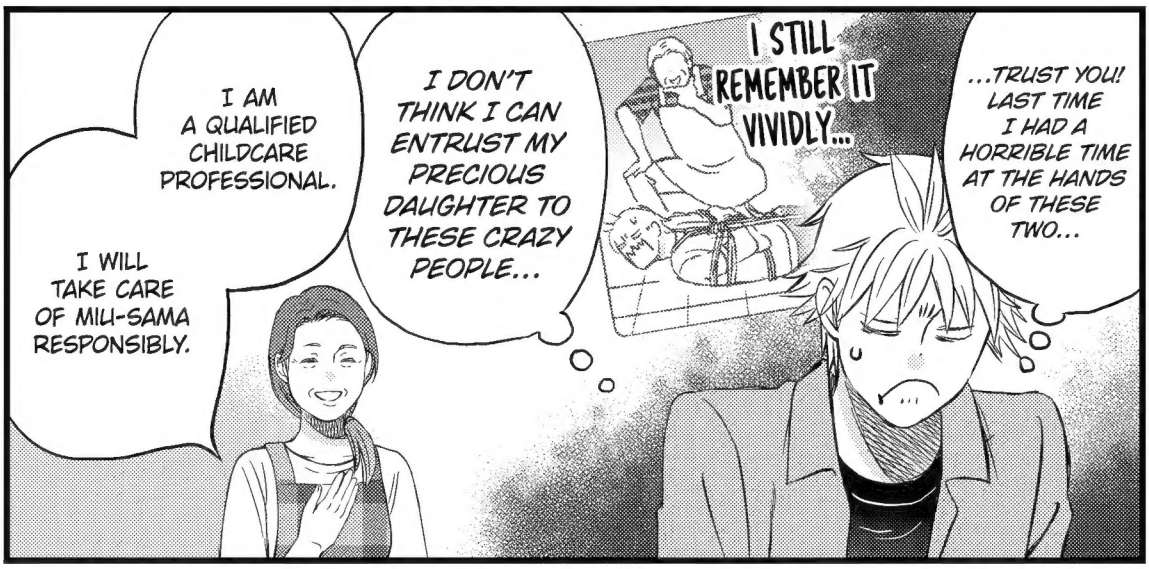

The pressure of going on a trip with a baby for the first time...
NOT JUST MIU, BUT SHIROU-KUN ALSO NEEDS TO RELAX A BIT FIRST.
Bdmp
Bdmp
THIS IS HER FIRST TRIP, SO SHE MAY NEED SOME TIME TO ADJUST TO HER NEW SURROUNDINGS...
Baa...


OHH! LOOK AT ALL THAT BABY STUFF!
THIS IS YOUR ROOM, AS WELL AS MIU-SAMA'S.

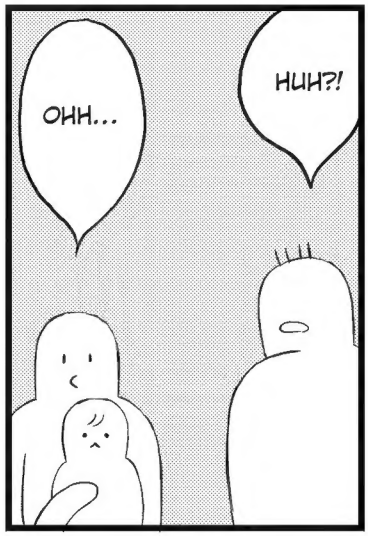

WE MADE SURE IT IS EQUIPPED WITH EVERYTHING OUR GUESTS MIGHT NEED, REGARDLESS OF THEIR AGE.
THIS IS A VACATION HOUSE FOR THE SAIGA FAMILY AND FRIENDS, SO...


WHAAAT...? I DIDN'T KNOW THIS HOUSE HAD A ROOM LIKE THAT!
THE ROOM NEXT DOOR IS A CHILDREN'S PLAYROOM, SO FEEL FREE TO USE IT IF YOU WISH.

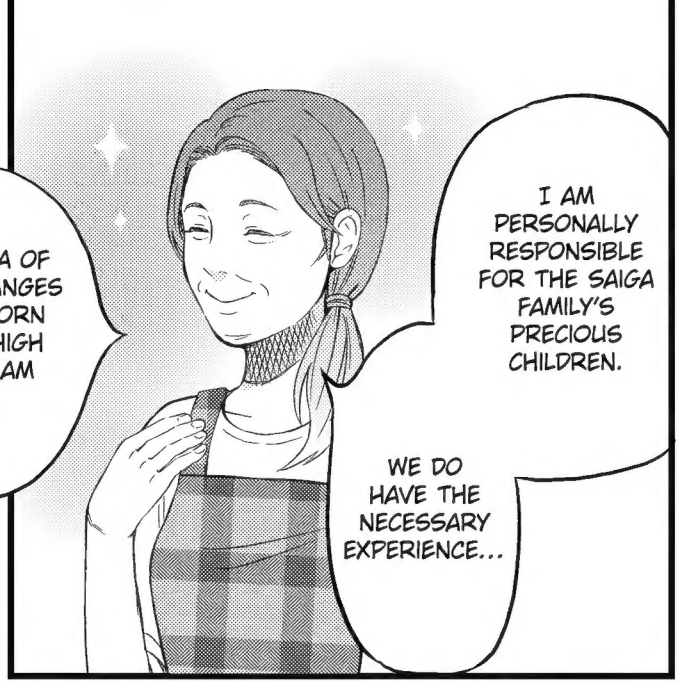

NO, NO... YOU'RE DOING SO MUCH FOR US ALREADY, I CAN'T POSSIBLY...
N...
AND LOOK AFTER MIU-SAMA SO THAT THE TWO OF YOU CAN SWIM.
IF YOU'D LIKE, I CAN ALSO ACCOMPANY YOU TO THE BEACH...


I AM A QUALIFIED CHILDCARE PROFESSIONAL.
I WILL TAKE CARE OF MIU-SAMA RESPONSIBLY.
I DON'T THINK I CAN ENTRUST MY PRECIOUS DAUGHTER TO THESE CRAZY PEOPLE...
I STILL REMEMBER IT VIVIDLY...
...TRUST YOU! LAST TIME I HAD A HORRIBLE TIME AT THE HANDS OF THESE TWO...

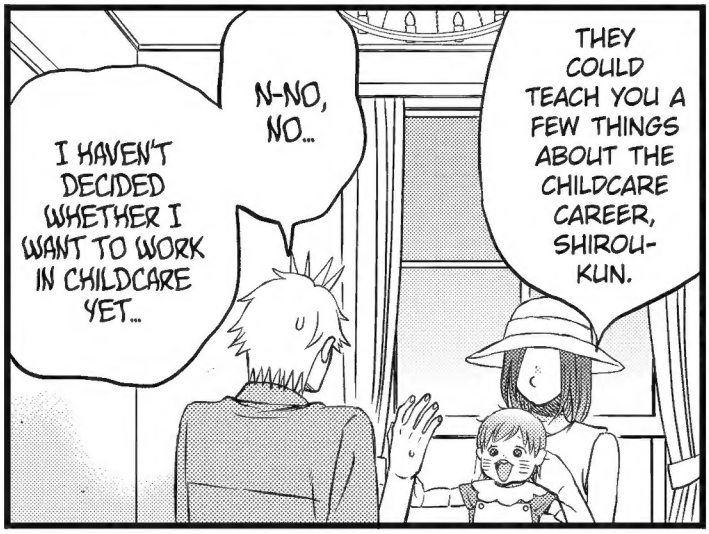
EVEN NOW, WE REGULARLY PROVIDE SHORT-TERM ASSISTANCE AT CHILDCARE CENTERS AFFILIATED WITH THE SAIGA FAMILY.
I HAVE TEN YEARS OF WORK EXPERIENCE, AND MY HUSBAND HAS SEVEN.
D-DO YOU... HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE...?

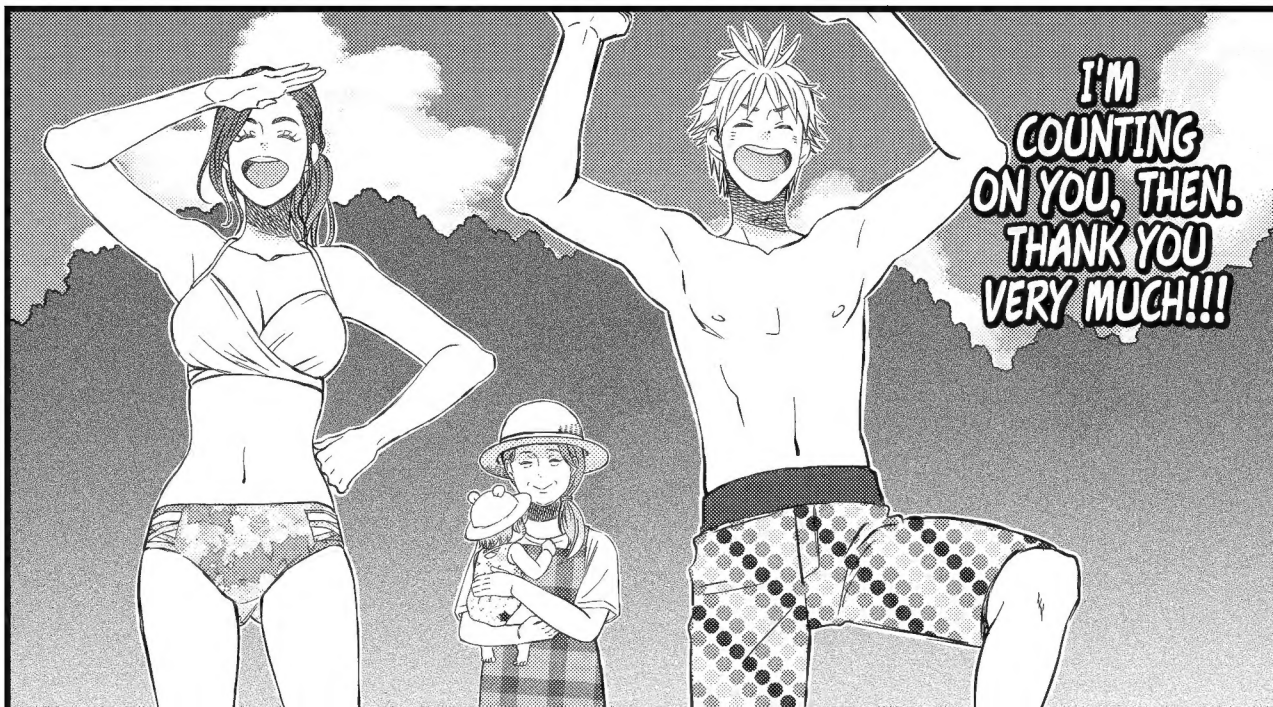

OHH...
HUH?!

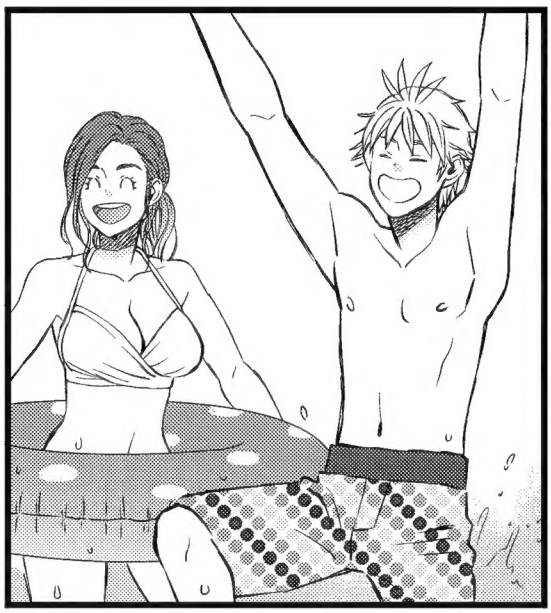
AS OUR AREA OF EXPERTISE RANGES FROM NEWBORN BABIES TO HIGH SCHOOL EXAM TAKERS.

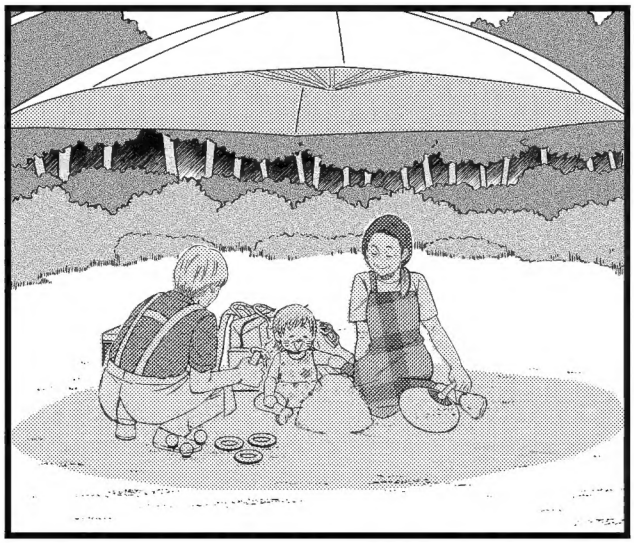

I AM PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAIGA FAMILY'S PRECIOUS CHILDREN.
WE DO HAVE THE NECESSARY EXPERIENCE...

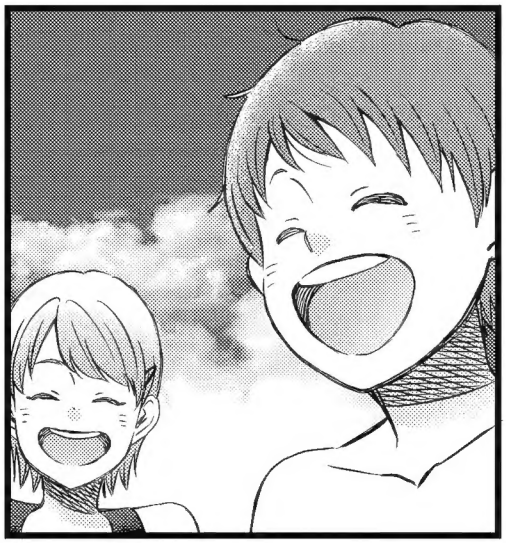
A...
ANYWAY...
Glint

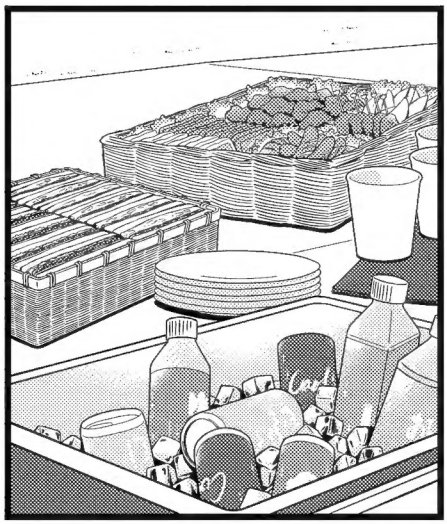

N-NO, NO...
I HAVEN'T DECIDED WHETHER I WANT TO WORK IN CHILDCARE YET...
THEY COULD TEACH YOU A FEW THINGS ABOUT THE CHILDCARE CAREER, SHIROU-KUN.

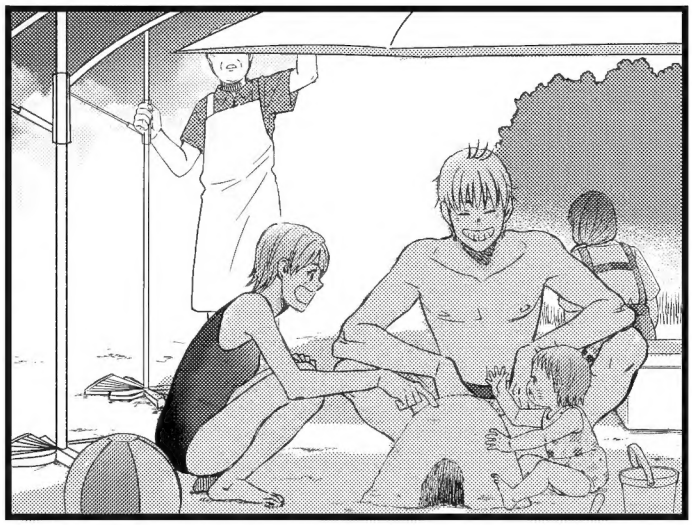

I'M COUNTING ON YOU, THEN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

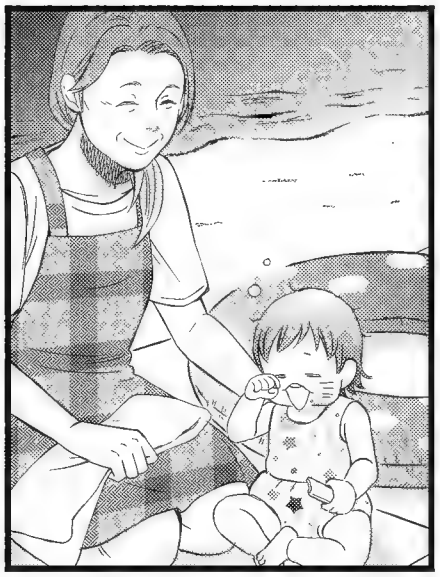


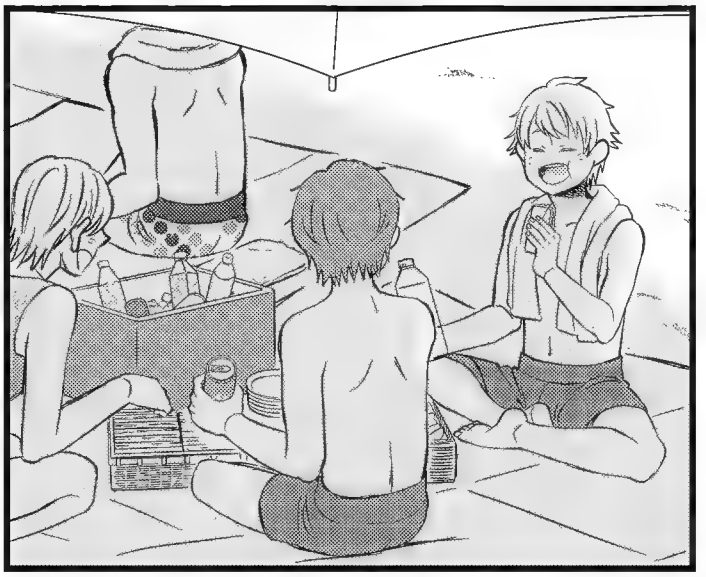


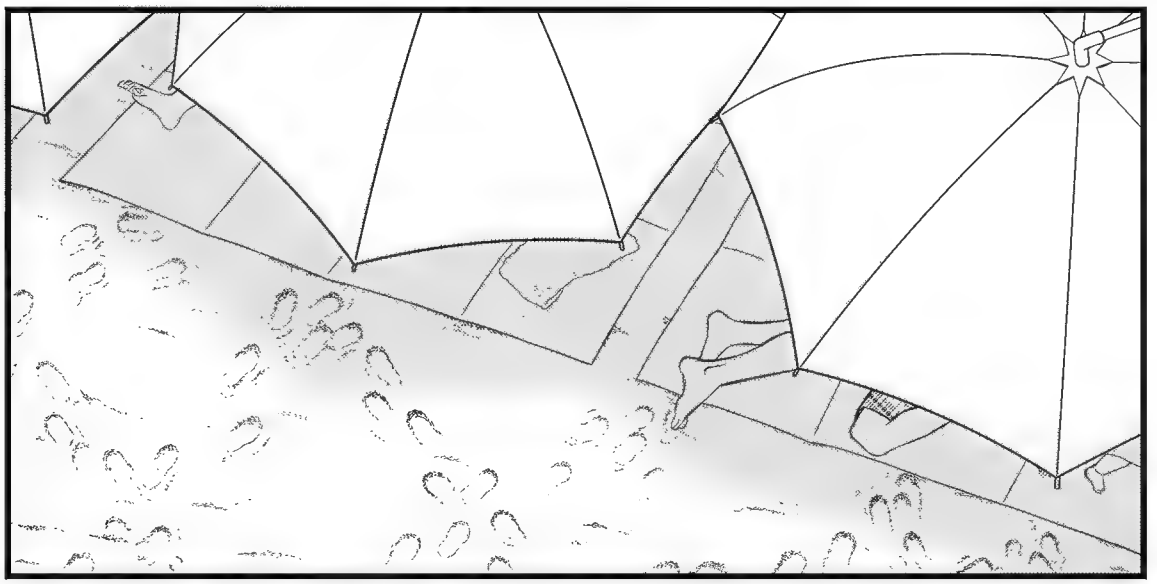


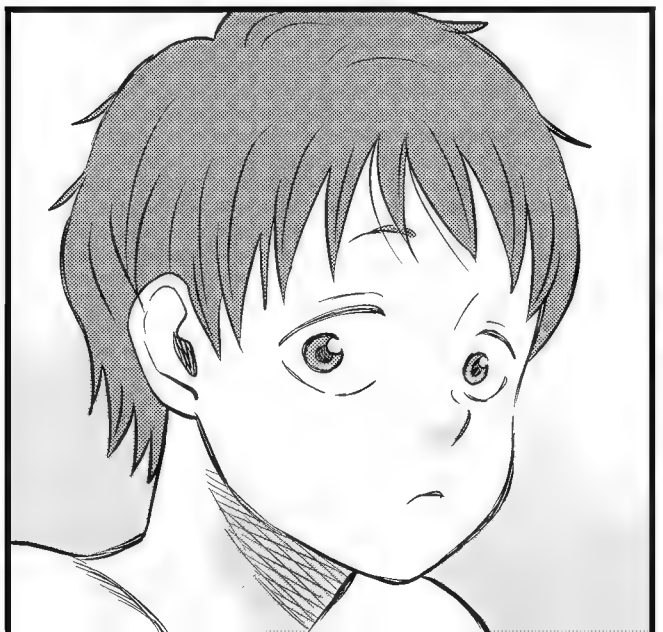


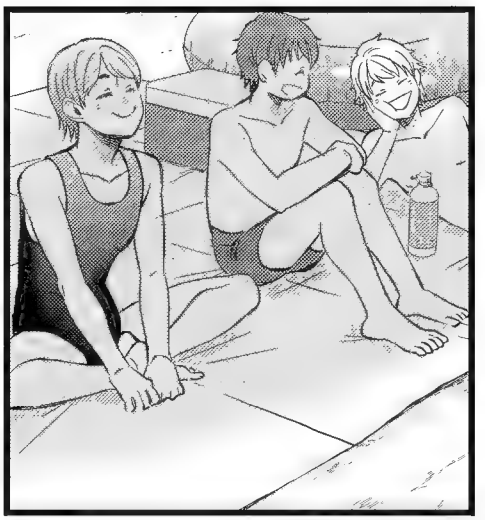


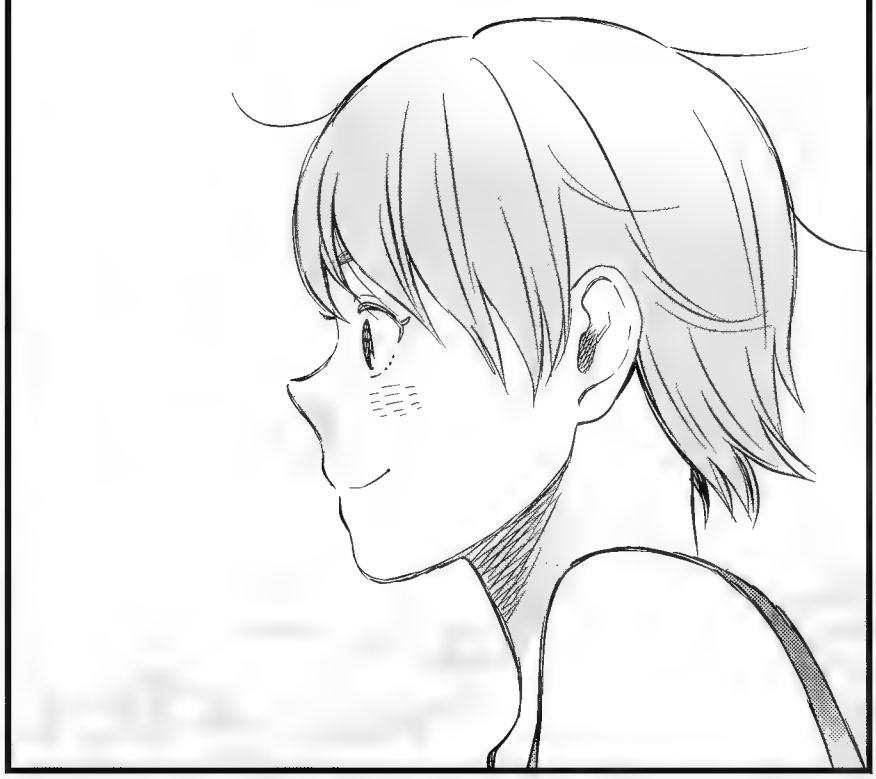


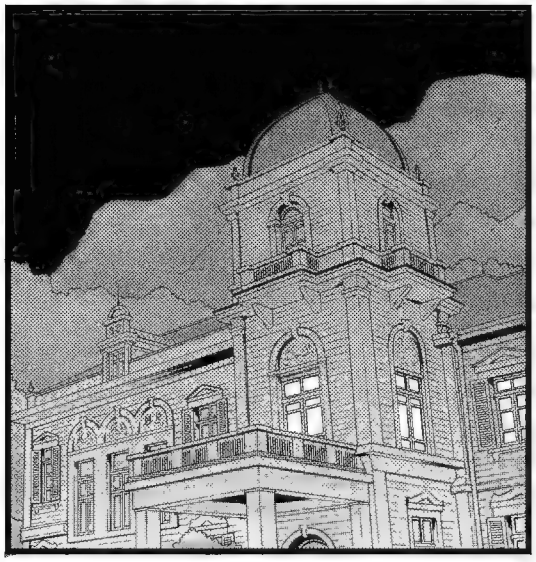


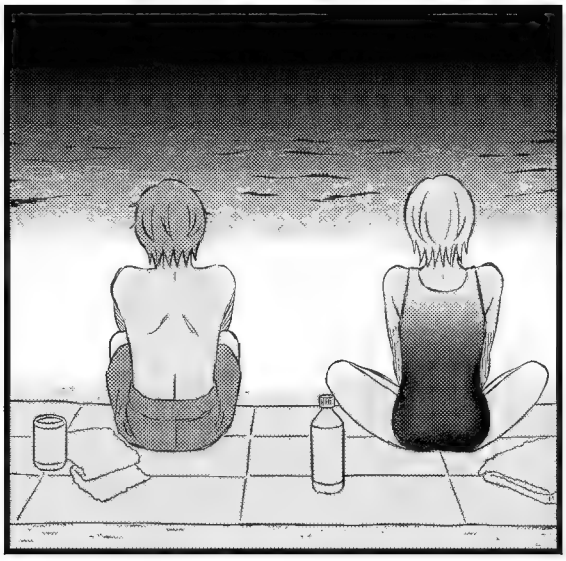






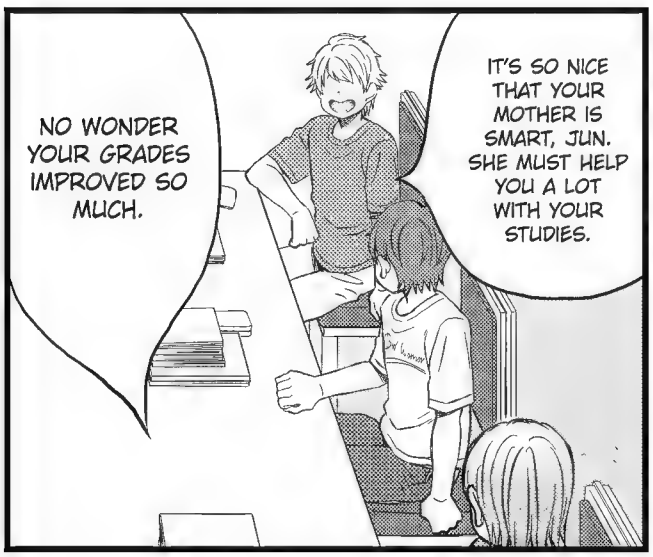






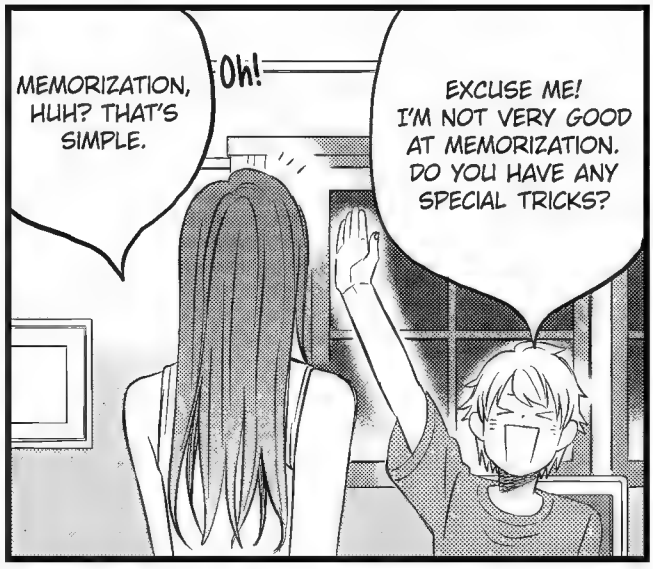
Yeees!
LET'S HAVE A STUDY SESSION FROM NOW UNTIL DINNER, OKAY?

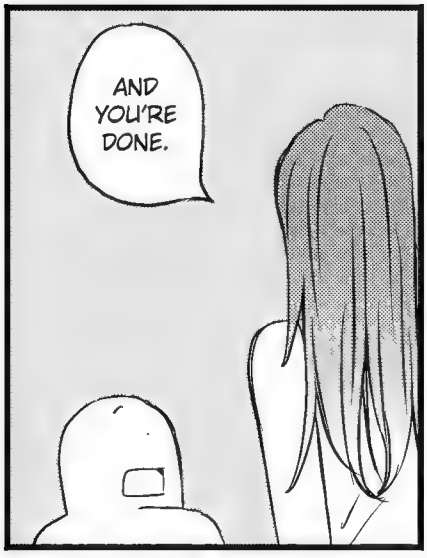
NONETHELESS... YOU ALL HAVE EXAMS COMING UP, SO...


NO WONDER YOUR GRADES IMPROVED SO MUCH.
IT'S SO NICE THAT YOUR MOTHER IS SMART, JUN. SHE MUST HELP YOU A LOT WITH YOUR STUDIES.

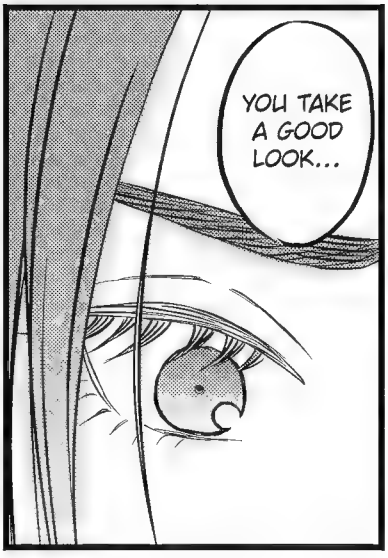
Ask me anything!
I'M HERE TO TEACH YOU ANYTHING YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.

SOMETIMES, THERE ARE PAGES IN THE BOOK THAT YOU WANT TO MEMORIZE, RIGHT? SO...
Flap

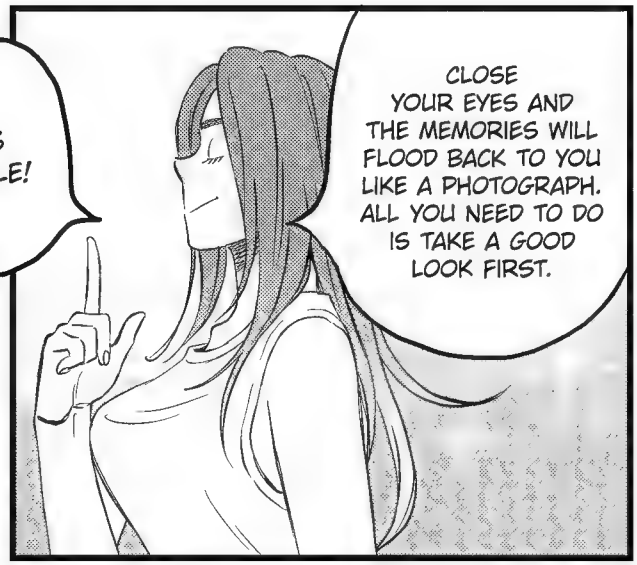

MEMORIZATION, HUH? THAT'S SIMPLE.
Oh!
EXCUSE ME! I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT MEMORIZATION. DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL TRICKS?

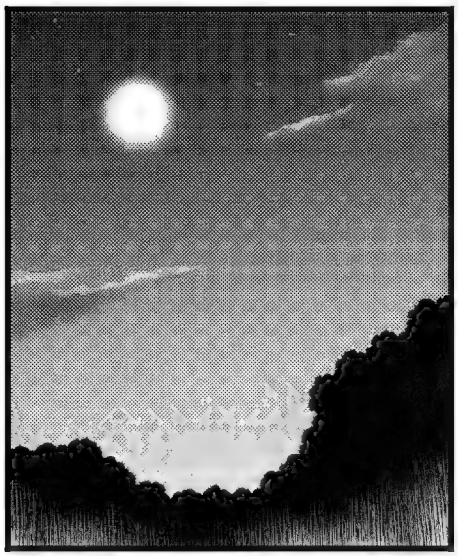

AND YOU'RE DONE.

THEN CLOSE THE BOOK.
Shut


YOU TAKE A GOOD LOOK...

...
IT'S SIMPLE!


CLOSE YOUR EYES AND THE MEMORIES WILL FLOOD BACK TO YOU LIKE A PHOTOGRAPH. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS TAKE A GOOD LOOK FIRST.



UHH... MY BAD. YOU'VE BEEN WORKING PRETTY HARD, HAVEN'T YOU...?
We're levels apart...
FOR ORDINARY PEOPLE, YOU SEE... HARD WORK IS THE ONLY TRICK.

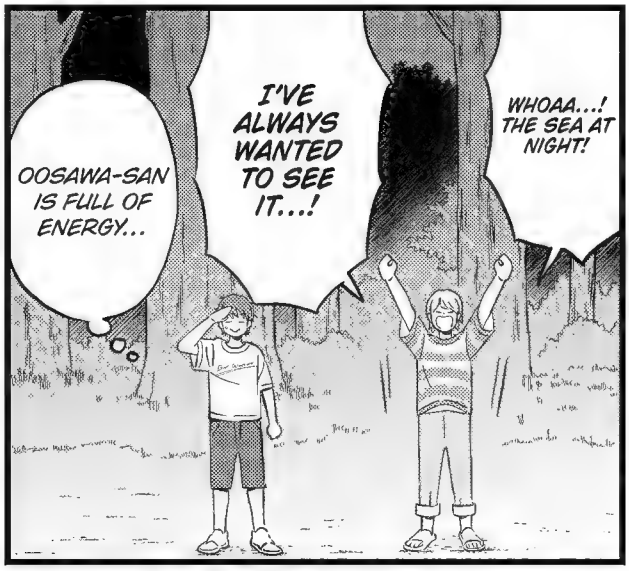
HM?
Knock Knock

WE HAD FUN AT THE BEACH, STUDIED, AND ATE TO OUR HEART'S CONTENT...
I'M TOTALLY EXHAUSTED. TIME TO SLEEP...

Fushhh...

OOSAWA-SAN.
YOOO!

AH HA HA HA HA! IT'S PITCH BLACK. I CAN'T SEE A THING!
WHAAAT...? WHY DID WE COME ALL THE WAY HERE, THEN?
HA HA HA HA!

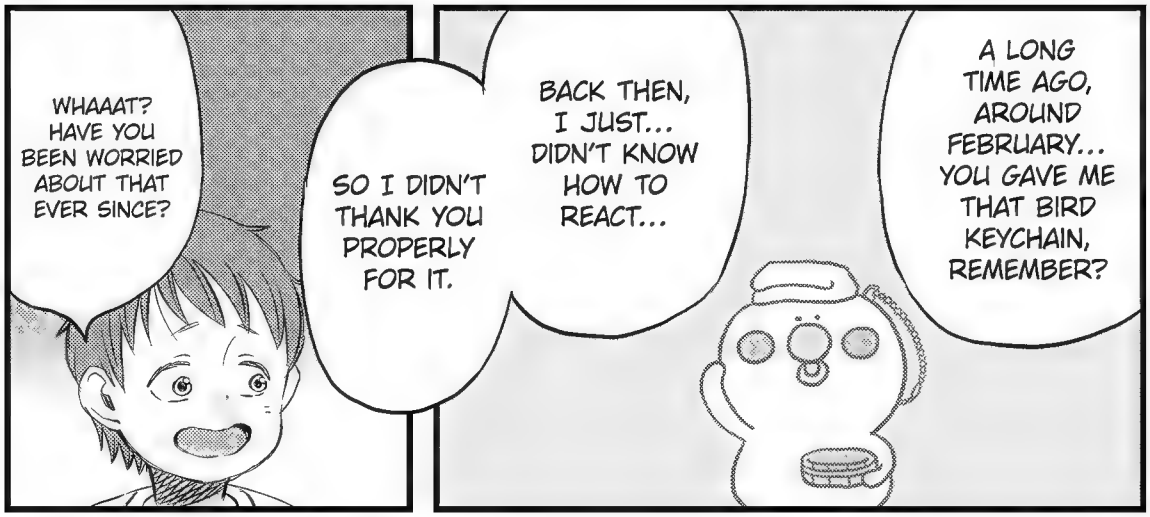

WHOAA...! THE SEA AT NIGHT!
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE IT...!
OOSAWA-SAN IS FULL OF ENERGY...

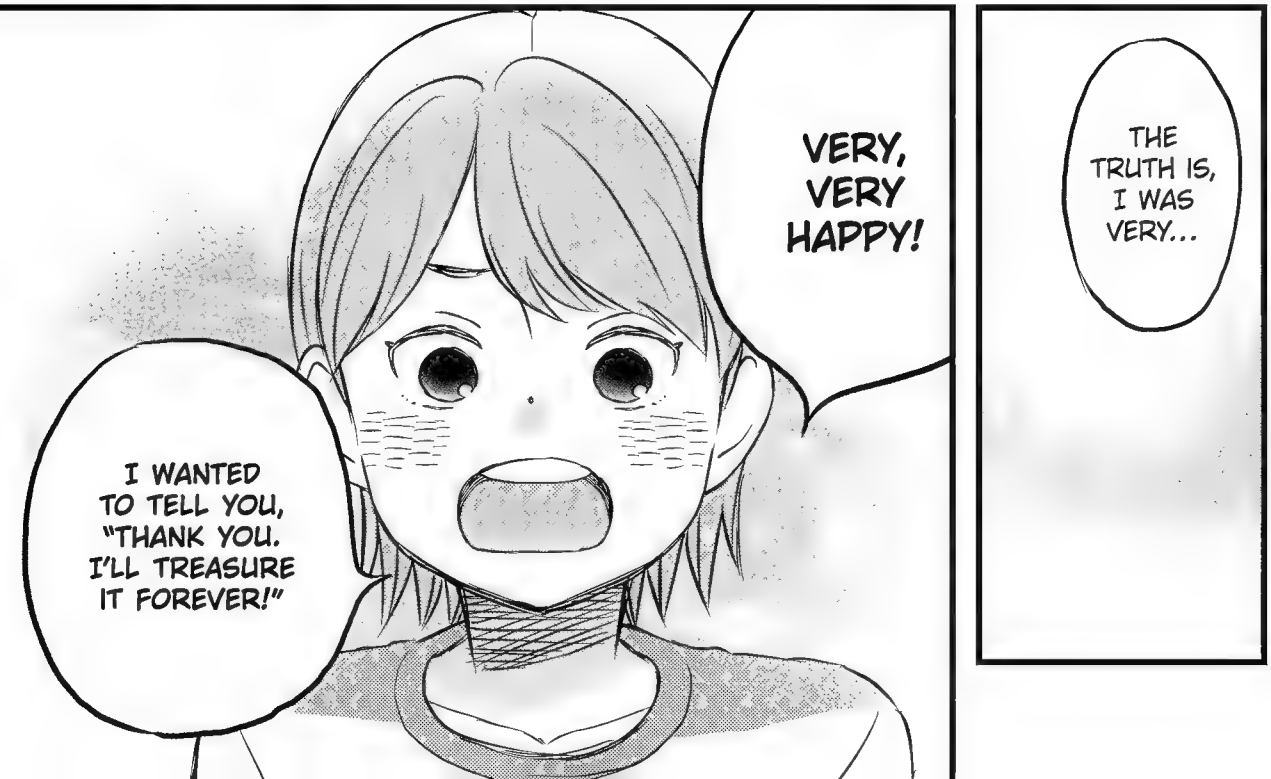
LISTEN...

Fushhh...

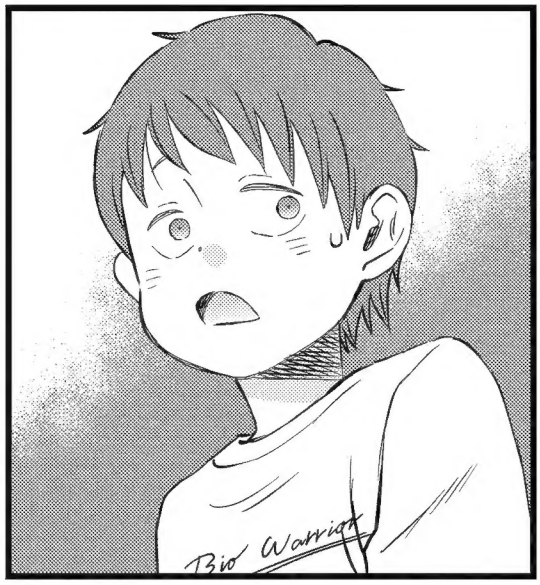
IT'S FINE. LET'S JUST SIT DOWN AND TALK.
OKAY...

I... HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT I NEED TO TELL YOU, JUN...
SOMETHING IMPORTANT?
YEAH. IT'S BEEN ON MY MIND ALL THIS TIME...


A LONG TIME AGO, AROUND FEBRUARY... YOU GAVE ME THAT BIRD KEYCHAIN, REMEMBER?
BACK THEN, I JUST... DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO REACT...
SO I DIDN'T THANK YOU PROPERLY FOR IT.
WHAAAT? HAVE YOU BEEN WORRIED ABOUT THAT EVER SINCE?

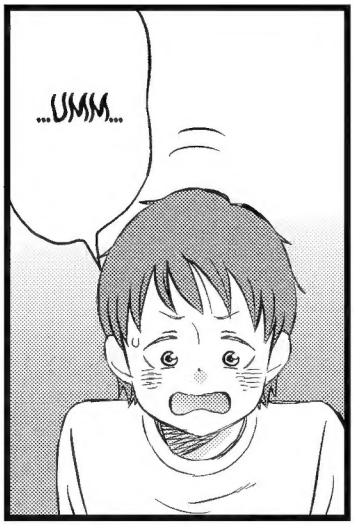

THE TRUTH IS, I WAS VERY...
VERY, VERY HAPPY!
I WANTED TO TELL YOU, "THANK YOU. I'LL TREASURE IT FOREVER!"

... I DON'T REMEMBER EVER SEEING YOU WITH THAT KEYCHAIN, SO I ASSUMED YOU DIDN'T LIKE IT.
NO...
Fwshhh...



EVERY DAY, I LOOK AT IT AS I STUDY.

IT'S A TREASURE, SO I ABSOLUTELY DON'T WANT TO GET IT DIRTY.
IT'S ON MY DESK.


...UMM...

IT MAKES ME REALLY SAD.
SO STUPID IT'S FUNNY, HUH?
AND EVERY TIME...
I REALIZE THAT WE MIGHT GO TO DIFFERENT HIGH SCHOOLS, AND I MIGHT NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN...

I LIKE YOU, JUN.
Warrior
I WANT US TO KEEP MEETING UP AND HAVING FUN TOGETHER EVEN WHEN WE'RE HIGH SCHOOLERS.

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JUN...?

ONE DAY, I'M SURE YOU'LL MARRY SOMEONE WONDERFUL...

I-I...
I DO TOO. OOSAWA-SAN, I...

I'M SORRY... I...
Bio Warrior
I DON'T THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO PROPERLY RECIPROCATE YOUR FEELINGS...!